Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Karen Theodosopoulos, who is retiring from the South Dakota Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (SD EPSCoR) after serving over 25 years; and,

Whereas, South Dakota began participating in the EPSCoR program more than 25 years ago, and Karen has been with the organization the entire 25 years, and she is the longest serving program administrator among all of the current 27 EPSCoR jurisdictions and has been a mentor to many of them; and,

Whereas, Karen's deep understanding of the programs and the regulations associated with their implementation has been a tremendous asset to the SD EPSCoR Office and to all the project directors she has served; and,

Whereas, During a recently completed Science and Technology Policy Institute assessment of the National Science Foundation EPSCoR program, Karen was one of the few people that could provide the institutional memory that was necessary to put the program into a historical perspective; and,

Whereas, On October 21, 2016, Karen will retire, therefore, it is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 21, 2016, as

KAREN THEODOSOPOULOS DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State